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Selectmen's Minutes 04-26-2004

TOWN OF ARLINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 26, 2004

6:00 p.m.

Present: Mrs. Mahon, Chair, Mr. Lyons, Vice chair, Mrs. Dias, Mr. Greeley, and Mr. Hurd.
 Also present: Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Maher, and Mrs. Krepelka.

1. Approval: CDBG 2005 Budget

Kevin O'Brien, Director, Planning and Community Development

Mrs. Dias reported the recommendations totaling \$1.5 million out of \$2.3 million requests submitted. Some highlights are: \$75,000 joint effort for affordable housing in Arlington, an increase in athletic and performing arts scholarships at A.H.S. and the elementary schools, and other additional fund programs. Mr. O'Brien pointed out that the sub-committee worked hard to come to the recommendations. Mrs. Mahon wants to keep on the table and receive a report back on the East Arlington traffic/parking conditions. Mr. O'Brien confirmed that the Transportation Advisory Committee is meeting and discussing this issue. Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Coalition of Arlington Town Employee Associations & Unions

Mr. Dan Warren, president of local 680, went through a list of pros and cons concerning coalition bargaining. He expressed that both the Town and his union agree with coalition bargaining in some form but disagree with the time limit in Sect. 19. Ms. Virginia Fuller, president of the teachers union, expressed that the union is sincere in wanting to help the Town and work with the Town. They have hired LLC to look at ways of saving money in regards to health care plans. This union is currently writing up an agreement with the Sunset clause (time limit) and bringing it to the Town Manager. Mr. Roselli expressed that consolidation of 6 health plans from different unions down to 2 or 3 plans could save Arlington money. He agrees with coalition bargaining but not the time limit in Sect. 19. Mr. Hughes stated that the only way retirees have a voice in negotiations is with coalition bargaining. The Selectmen and Town Manager agreed in their appreciation to the unions to bargain under coalition bargaining. Mrs. Mahon expressed that a short-term time limit of 2 or 3 years is a waste of time for everyone and handicaps the Town in negotiating the best health care prices.

3. Warrant Article Hearing

Article 32 – Special Place/The Old Schwamb Mill

Ms. Angela Zuckie spoke for the residents of Watermill Place in requesting the

Board to vote no action. Watermill Place residents are in opposition and sent a signed petition to the B.O.S. because of its

unfair effect imposed on abutters many that bought prior to bylaws.
Mr. Leone and Ms. Meister support the special place by law but recognize that the neighbors do not support and won't oppose a no action vote of the B.O.S.
Mr. Greeley asked Ms. Meister to let the board know if the Historic Commission intends to challenge this at Town Meeting so the abutters can be informed.
Mr. Lyons moved no action. SO VOTED (5-0)

LICENSES & PERMITS

4. Request: Permission to Hang Banner From Town Hall, 5/24/04-5/30/04
Jon Jalbert, Superintendent of Recreation, Arlington Rotary & Recreational Road Race
Mr. Hurd moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)
Mr. Lyons was not present at time of vote.
5. Request: One Day All Alcoholic Beverage License, 5/23/04
Guy Catanzano, Retired Men's Club of Arlington
Mrs. Krepelka will follow up and call Mr. Catanzano on the location for the request.
Mr. Greeley moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)
Mr. Lyons was not present at time of vote.

Correspondence Received

John F. Maher Worcester Opt-Out Program Be Rec'd
Town Counsel
Mr. Hurd moved receipt of correspondence. SO VOTED (5-0)

Mrs. Mahon moved to stop the meeting and reconvene at Town Meeting.
SO VOTED (5-0)

A True Record: Attest:

Marie A. Krepelka
Board Administrator